

**TOWN OF HARTFORD**  
**Watson Park, 1120 Maple Street, Hartford Vt.**  
**Upper Valley Dog Park Supporters 7/24/21 Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm

**ATTENDANCE:** Those attending were: Mary Mills, Linda and Jerry Pendleton, Michael Dambrosio, Harry and Nancy Hutchins, Jace Bunnell, Anne Rodia, Lorna Ricard, James Leavitt, Wrigley Witmer, Ali Brokenshire, Travis Hosna

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes from the June 19th and June 25th. meetings were read and accepted as read. No corrections, additions or deletions were made.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Proceeds from the June 26th yard sale was \$681.00 in merchandise sales and \$119.00 in donations, for a total of \$800.00. \$2,500.00 was collected for 44 membership dues. The park also received a donation of \$500.00

**FUNDRAISING:** Ali to present a fundraising proposal at the next meeting. Lorna has set up a meeting with a grant writer for July 29th. at 3pm.

**PATIO BRICKS:** There are several blank memorial bricks on the patio and therefore the patio does not need to be extended at this time. It was decided that we would do the repair work ourselves rather than hiring a mason.

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** All attendees were in favor of having Ali setup a new facebook page. Jace and Jim to be the administrators. Suggestion was made to have the meeting agenda and minutes posted on our facebook page.

**PARK BENCH:** Jerry received an estimate of \$150.00 to power-wash the park benches. Jace is looking into purchasing the memorial plaque for Wendy Smith from an on-line store. Suggestion was made to purchase a new bench since one of them needs repair. It was suggested to stain and polyurethane the existing benches.

**SNOWPLOWING:** At this time, the Town of Hartford is not willing to share in the cost of snowplowing the parking lot since they feel there is not much usage of the park in the winter. Jerry commented that several people have entered the park after it has been plowed other than people using the dog park. He will have further discussion with the town official involved. A petition may be needed to have this issue placed on the ballot for the next town meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Wrigley suggested getting local businesses to donate prizes for our Dogaween party. Ali to speak with Scott at town hall in getting clarity on whether we are registered as non-profit. She will also look into possibility of setting up a pay pal account in order to provide the capability of paying membership dues on-line.

Jerry to inquire as to why the porta-potty is on the premises since he had cancelled it. He also suggested purchasing a gazebo for the dog park if we acquired a grant.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 5pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2021 at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted on 7/26/21 by Nancy Hutchins, Secretary